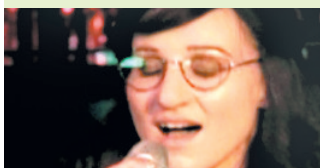


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► "Thinking of visiting Alberta, Canada? Think again," say new American billboards ► Campaign to expand into Britain within weeks

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► This photo was released by San Francisco-based Corporate Ethics International yesterday, showing a billboard in Seattle that urges would-be visitors to "rethink" planning a trip to Alberta.

Alberta is famous worldwide for its stunning mountain vistas and wide open spaces, but a U.S. environmental group wants oil-soaked birds to be the image that sticks out in tourists' minds.

San Francisco-based Corporate Ethics

International launched a new ad campaign yesterday that urges would-be visitors to "rethink" planning a trip to Alberta.

"Alberta is spending millions to brand itself as an environmentally friendly des-

tinuation for tourists when, in fact, we think it's the most environmentally unfriendly place in North America because of the tarsands," said executive director Michael Marx.

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Comic-Con

Festival of nerds draws A-listers

► San Diego's humble comic book fair now regarded as a barometer of cool ► Fans wait to see if Hollywood's first couple shows up {page 9}

Chloe's clothes make the woman

Actress chooses artsy friends over models to show off new line {page 16}



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RCMP scour bush for missing couple

Mounties in Alberta wrapped up their search yesterday for a pair of seniors after scouring the bush area around the couple's burned-out motorhome.

Police are calling the disappearance of Lyle and Marie McCann "extremely suspicious."

The couple from St. Albert left home in their motorhome on July 3, headed to B.C. to meet relatives.

Lyle 78, and Marie, 77, have not been seen since.

Their motorhome was found abandoned and on fire on July 5 in a wooded area south of Edson.

The couple was towing a light-green Hyundai Tucson SUV on the trip.

The vehicle has not been found, and police believe it might be the key to finding out what became of them.

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News in brief

Happy Feet at zoo's cinema

SCREENING. The movie Happy Feet will be shown at the Edmonton Valley Zoo's outdoor Clean Air Cinema next Thursday. The special screening, to be shown on a new LED screen, starts at 8 p.m. Face painting and meeting with zoo animals will begin at 6 p.m.

Fresh cotton candy and

popcorn will be available throughout the show.

Tickets are \$5.25 for kids, \$8 for youths and seniors, \$10.50 for adults, and \$31.50 for families.

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RCMP seek hit-and-run driver

GRANDE PRAIRIE. Rural RCMP are looking for information related to a hit-and-run that occurred on Tuesday sometime after 12:30 a.m.

Police believe that the driver of a pickup truck

was responsible for colliding with a power pole in a field across from Range Road 55 and 100 Avenue.

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Appointment to provincial court

PEACE RIVER. Claus Karl Willi Thietke, Q.C., has been appointed to provincial court, Peace River/Northern Region, effective July 26. Thietke graduated with a bachelor of laws from the University of Saskatchewan in 1985. ● METRO EDMONTON

Rush sophomore makes Team Canada

► Federation of International Lacrosse World Championship runs July 15-24 in the U.K.



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For one Edmonton Rush player, getting to the Federation of International Lacrosse World Championship in Manchester, England, actually is a Small feat.

Corey Small, 23, was a late roster addition for the defending champion Team Canada squad, and the five-foot-nine attacker from St. Catharines, Ont., continues to make tremendous strides in his young career.

After turning pro at the completion of a stellar field career at Albany, and finding his game with both the Kitchener-Waterloo Kodiaks of Ontario's Major Series Lacrosse and Toronto Nationals of the field-based Major Lacrosse League last

Late addition

Small was Edmonton's top rookie scorer last season

- **Joining teammate**
Small is also expected to play a part with Team Canada with Edmonton Rush teammate Brodie Merrill.
- **Online**
For more info check out 2010worldlacrosse.com.

summer, Small parlayed an impressive rookie campaign with Rush earlier this year to another dynamic summer season.

"I think I've been playing with a lot more confidence this year," said Small in a press release. "There are so many great players on the team and it's a hard lineup to crack week to week."



► Edmonton Rush star Corey Small in action last season.

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Group fights to save City Centre Airport

► Envision Edmonton members seeking signatures for petition
► If they get 80,000, a plebiscite will be added to fall election



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Should the City Centre Airport be transformed into a downtown community for 30,000 new residents or should it remain open and continue to serve as a convenient way to access industry in the north?

As far as Chuck Allard, Envision Edmonton's chairman, is concerned, the electoral made that decision back in 1995 when they voted to keep the airport open and Allard said democracy has been challenged by city council's decision to shut it down.

"We believe the city's decision to close the City Centre Airport is in direct violation of their promise in 1995 to keep it open as a general aviation facility," Al-

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lard said at a press conference yesterday. "We believe that a decision of this magnitude should be made by the people of Edmonton and not a handful of elected politicians." Just over a year ago, council decided to begin a closure of the airport over two phases.



► Envision Edmonton chairman Chuck Allard at a press conference yesterday.

Briscoe ready to hit town with new wheels

Indycar Racer Ryan Briscoe is not only excited to be racing in Edmonton this summer, but also to soon be driving a new car after IndyCar officials unveiled their new 2012 car yesterday.

Showing off their new chassis built by Dallara, the new car incorporates greener technology as well as a cost effective and raceable design.

Briscoe, who watched the announcement from

his California home, says that the car looks very modern, but retains some of the classical feel as well.

"I think it's great," says Briscoe.

"It has a different look ... it has that old classic IndyCar look."

Briscoe, who is due to race at the Honda Indy in Edmonton this summer, says he's looking forward to his visit, and racing in Edmonton for his third



► Australian Ryan Briscoe will be driving a new car at Edmonton's Honda Indy.

time. "It's a great city, I really enjoy going there," he said.

"Hopefully we'll win the race."

"The competition will be stronger, and fitness is a key part."

The Honda Indy will be running from July 23 until July 25.

Tickets are available from www.hondaedmontonindy.com

● STEFAN STRANGMAN

Water brings down warehouse roof

Part of the roof at a local warehouse has collapsed as the result of heavy rain.

No injuries were reported in the incident.

Building owner Sine Chadi says he's never seen anything like it before, noting the 35-year-old building was up to code and its roof had

been replaced just two years ago. He says it appears as though the roof collapsed under the weight of the water. The owner says Pacific Western Drywall was leasing the space, and the building was being used to store materials.

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Film fest Scores an opener

Seems appropriate that an Edmonton film festival would open with a movie about hockey.

Score: A Hockey Musical kicks off the 24th annual Edmonton International Film Festival (EIFF) on Sept. 24.

The festival runs nine days until Oct. 2.

"Opening night is the most challenging film to program," said the festival's feature film programmer Guy Lavallee.

"It's the most important film of the festival because it really sets the tone for the entire nine days of EIFF."

For more info, visit edmontonfilmfest.com

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The relief cheques are in the mail

The first batch of government flood relief cheques have been cut for people hit by heavy rains in southern Alberta.

The province says more than 1,900 applications have been accepted so far from people under Alberta's disaster recovery pro-

gram. The government has earmarked up to \$200-million for flood relief in the area.

Premier Ed Stelmach says the money will help people rebuild and get their lives back to normal as soon as possible.

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Storm lashes capital, experts tongue-lashed

► **Philippines president scolds weathermen for failing to predict storm** ► **At least 26 people killed**

The first typhoon to lash the Philippines this year earned the weathermen a tongue-lashing.

Newly elected President Benigno Aquino III scolded the weather bureau for failing to predict that the storm would hit Manila, the capital.

"This is unacceptable," Aquino told officials. He noted that government agencies were relying on the weather bureau for their preparations.

"I hope this is the last time we are all brought to areas different from where we should be."

Weather bureau chief Prisco Nilo explained it takes forecasters six hours to update weather bulletins.

The weather bureau has complained of lack of funding and equipment.

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Weather's fury

The Philippines is hit by about 20 typhoons and storms a year. This time, devastation was widespread.

The toll:

At least 26 people were killed, authorities said. About 40 were missing.

At sea:

Four fishermen drowned and 18 were rescued as waves hit their boats.

On land:

Several people were killed by falling debris. One man died trying to save a dozen pigs.

63 Manila airport officials said 63 flights, including four international ones had been cancelled and nine diverted.



► A mother pushes a tricycle with her children on board after their home collapsed east of Manila.

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Newcomers face high drowning risk: Study

Newcomers to Canada have a higher risk of drowning in boating and swimming mishaps than those born in the country, a study has found.

The study, from the Lifesaving Society, focused on newcomers from China, South Asia and Southeast Asia, and found people in Canada for less than five years are at highest risk of drowning.

Even though 20 per cent of immigrants said

they cannot swim, 79 per cent said they planned to spend time around or on the water this summer.

They could be putting themselves at risk by making those plans, considering a third of the respondents who weren't born in Canada are afraid of water and half worry their kids could drown, said Lifesaving Society spokesperson Barbara Byers.

Just four per cent of



► Many immigrants go to Ashbridges Bay in Toronto.

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Canadian respondents said they couldn't swim.

Immigrants may come from landlocked countries or may have had little water safety training, so they could be unaware of how dangerous water can be, Byers said.

"They want to do what everybody else is doing, and they just don't realize that you need to have some training and some lessons," Byers added.

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Deadly waters

► The study looked at responses from 1032 Canadians, including 599 newcomers. The results from the immigrant respondents are accurate within 3.94 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

► Nearly 500 people drown each year in Canada, say statistics compiled by the Lifesaving Society.

Beaver kills dog in off-leash park

Memo to Fido: Beware beavers.

Beavers who make their homes in an off-leash park in Red Deer are going to be trapped and killed after the death of one dog in a fight with a beaver and at least one attack on another dog.

Parks superintendent Trevor Poth said beavers are territorial, "they actually do fight literally to the death for their territory."

Because of the severity of the attacks, Poth said the beavers must be killed to keep park users safe.

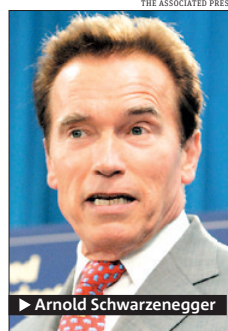
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Sorry Arnie, you've lost their vote

A new poll says California voters are giving Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger the thumbs-down.

The poll, released yesterday, says just 22 per cent of voters approve of his performance, while 70 per cent disapprove.

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► Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Bus driver detours ... to be a hero

A Buffalo transit bus driver is being hailed for saving 10 people asleep inside a burning home by pounding on the door.

After his heroics, Richard Lucas got back behind the wheel and finished his route.

"People have got to go

to work. That's what we do," Lucas said later.

A woman living upstairs with her three children and a nephew, and a man downstairs with his wife and three kids said they all could have died if not for Lucas.

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Double-dip recession still a long shot

► Economic growth slowing ► Think-tank sees long period of slowdown ► Rates still expected to go up

The Canadian economy's rocket-like recovery is burning out, falling back into a prolonged period of more modest growth and job creation, a new forecast from the Conference Board predicts.

After annualized growth rates of 4.9 per cent and 6.1 per cent in the last three months of 2009 and first three of 2010, the economy is expected to slow significantly in the second half of this year and into 2011.

"It's not a double-dip recession, it's growth not as strong as in the past," says

2.9%

The Conference Board says growth will slow to 3.6 per cent when the second quarter results are in, then to 3.3 per cent in the third quarter and finally to 2.9 per cent in the final quarter of 2010.

economist Pedro Antunes, director of forecasting for the Conference Board.

For the year, the think-tank expects growth to average 3.6 per cent in 2010

and 2.9 per cent in 2011.

Many expect the Bank of Canada to temper its own expectations about the Canadian economy next week, but not so much to dissuade governor Mark Carney from taking interest rates up a quarter-point to 0.75 per cent.

The Conference Board says Canadians should also expect job creation to slow, although it believes the unemployment rate will continue to decline if more slowly from the current 7.9 per cent to 7.8 per cent by the end of 2010.

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PETA. Spicy hot



► National Veggie Dog Day is PETA's answer to the meat industry's National Hot Dog Month.

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Veggies have their own dog day

Model Vida Guerra wears a bikini covered in fake hot peppers yesterday as she prepares to serve veggie chili dogs to mark PETA's National Veggie Dog Day on Capitol Hill, in Washington.

Insolvency down by 10.1%

Canada's bankruptcy office says there were nearly 13,000 insolvencies reported by individuals and businesses in April, down 10.1 per cent from a year earlier.

The number of insolvencies, which includes bankruptcies and proposals for settling debt under duress, was also down 2.5 per cent from March. THE CANADIAN PRESS

iPhone fans may ignore problems

A decision by Consumer Reports against endorsing the latest iPhone because of reception problems threatens to tarnish Apple Inc.'s reputation, yet fans who have braved poor reception for years are likely to keep buying the product.

In fact, some analysts say Apple could simply ignore requests to recall the iPhone 4. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2010 a good year to die

Born on the Fourth of July, George Steinbrenner left the world stage with a great sense of timing too.

By dying in 2010, the longtime New York Yankees owner's wealth avoids the federal estate tax. Steinbrenner's death Tuesday came during an unplanned year-long gap in the estate tax due to political wrangling in Congress. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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I FEEL LIKE I'M DATING BIG BROTHER

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



I was chatting on a dating site with a friend I know from "real life." I was looking for short-term tryst(s), she wanted a girl to sleep with. "I feel like I'm shopping for humans," she wrote. And so we were.

Finding a mate online is like ordering pizza. Thin or thick? Chicago- or New York-style? Maybe a little Greek? Hold the anchovies, of course. But maybe, just for tonight, something extra saucy.

The dating landscape has changed since the previous time I was single, which was seven years ago. Specifically, it's been digitized.

I put girls in my online shop-

ping cart and they do the same to me.

People were using their computers to date seven years ago, but it still had an underlying connotation of shame about it, especially because you had to pay for it. Now it's shameless, many sites are free, and no photo set is complete without cleavage or abs. The rack or the six-pack. Aisle 3.

Technology has made dating less fun because all the real opportunities for disaster are gone. What if you had nothing to talk about? What if you were a sexual freak and they were a Jesus freak? What if they were cute until

they opened their mouths?

This made it more satisfying when you found a connection.

Now all that's figured out for you. On any given "blind" date I know my counterpart's looks, expectations, education, job, income, drinking and drug habits, religious beliefs, astrological sign, and their thoughts on kids, pets, the free-market system and whether they prefer The Simpsons or Family Guy.

Then you meet, with no discovery possible, to see if you have that "spark" — specifically, making sure they haven't gotten fat since their photos

were taken.

The medium is the message. You are no more than your composite parts.

Yet I keep online dating because, hey, a bad meal is better than no meal, right? Who doesn't like pizza?

There's no going back to the old ways, even if sometimes we come close: I met recently with a woman I graduated high school with. We had an old-fashioned date, with flirting and fear, and a lifetime of "remember when" to draw upon.

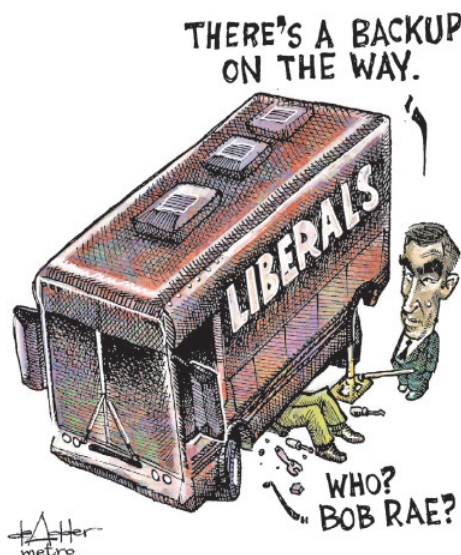
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Noteworthy

U.S. votes to keep Avandia on market

A majority of U.S. government health experts has voted to keep the controversial diabetes pill Avandia

on the market despite evidence that it increases the risk of heart attack. Panelists said the evidence wasn't strong enough to remove the drug from the market. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Not ready for King Harper

Letters & Tweets

EDMONTON. As a country, Canada is very young. One hundred and forty-three years, under both a monarchy, and a constitutional monarchy.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II — the "Defender of the Faith" — has served us, and we have, in turn, served the monarchy well.

Yes, Prince Charles seems a rather eccentric and odd fellow, but who wouldn't be, when his sole purpose is to wait to serve.

Her Majesty is "a much-loved personage" worldwide, and therefore a very tough act to follow, on the world's stage.

The PM and his boss

JOHN STILLWELL-POOL/GETTY IMAGES



The task before the Prince of Wales is daunting!

However, given the choice between Stephen Harper as President of a New Republic — and de facto "King" — I'll stick with the monarchy, albeit a constitutional monarchy.

Stephen Harper's rule, as I see it, is one of

complete and utter disregard for the House of Commons — Canada's law-making body — and our 143-year-old Westminster parliament. Harper is out of control.

His unprincipled rule, as prime minister, shows to me that he is not fit to govern Canada with a majority. **WILLIAM ARCHIE BALDWIN**

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Metro Minute with Shakespeare

The Freewill Shakespeare Festival, currently taking place at the Heritage Amphitheatre in Hawrelak Park, isn't only about the performances.

Sure Shakespeare fans will be treated to performances of Much ado about Nothing and Macbeth, but there's a lot more happening during the Shakespeare in the Park festival.

At noon on Sunday, festivalgoers will have the opportunity to have brunch with artistic director Marianne Copithorne, followed by a matinee performance. Tickets are \$50.

The festival's fundraising gala goes 6 p.m. on July 24, followed by the final performance of Macbeth. Tickets are \$75.

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► Heritage Amphitheatre in Hawrelak Park.



► The Green Hornet, starring Canadian actor Seth Rogen (right) and Jay Chou, will be one of the highlights at next week's Comic-Con.

Nerdy Comic-Con now A-list hot spot

► San Diego's pop-culture party sets the buzz around upcoming films and TV shows ► Brangelina expected to show up at next week's event

Tron, Harry Potter, The Green Hornet, and Brangelina?

This year's Comic-Con has something for everyone, and might even be graced by Hollywood's first couple.

No longer strictly the domain of nerds and fanboys, San Diego's four-day pop-culture festival promises film and TV fodder for fans of all kinds, plus

video games, toys, collectibles and costumes galore when it kicks off next week.

"I can't wait," says filmmaker Kevin Smith, an annual regular considered royalty at the convention.

"Comic-Con for me is — Muslims like to go to Mecca, what is it, three times a day toward Mecca and whatnot. I do the same thing for San Diego

"Comic-Con is all about these shows connecting with the kids who are going to go back home and tell everyone."

TODD GOLD, FANCAST.COM

and that massive building" What began 40 years ago as a humble comic-

book fair has grown into a barometer of cool powered by the ardent enthusiasm of more than 100,000 fans — and the Hollywood studios who want a piece of the action.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie aren't officially on the guest list, and studio reps are staying mum about whether they'll attend.

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News in brief



1 A lawmaker is questioning the legality of work permits for Kate Gosselin's sextuplets for the reality show Kate Plus 8.

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2 A man accused of stealing jewelry from Julie 'Catwoman' Newmar has pleaded no contest to grand theft.

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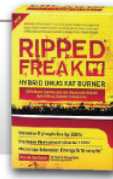
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Ripped Freak
(60 caps)
HOT BUY \$44⁷⁹



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or Sport (120 cap)
HOT BUY \$27⁹⁹



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Hydro Whey (1.93 lb)
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Ejiofor is Salt of the Earth

► When films only play one thing and there's no subtext people can come out feeling like they've seen a lot of action but not much else. This actor is seeking to change that.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Chiwetel Ejiofor has quietly built a genre-defying resume any actor would envy.

With a background in theater, he's easily jumped from small productions (Kinky Boots) to big (2012), serious films (Children of Men) to more lighthearted fare (Love Actually).

In Salt, Ejiofor takes on the role of a counter-intelligence pro hot on the trail of Angelina Jolie's suspected spy.

Metro caught up with the British actor in Washington, D.C., where much of the current movie was filmed.

Have you always been a fan of this genre?

Definitely, yeah. It breaks into sort of two categories for me: I like the old-school kind of spy stuff, the John Le Carré spy stuff. But I also really enjoy the Mission: Impossible spies — the series as well as the films — just because of the intricacy of how everything's done, the detail of having to go back and figure out everything, and the scripts just being like little puzzles.

What stood out about Salt as a spy thriller for you?

This is taking on a kind of slightly more bureaucratic sense of the CIA, to me a kind of grounded sense of the CIA.

As opposed to the sort of — I mean, obviously, who doesn't love the Bond series?

But it's different. They're people and they do a job and they're in offices with ties, and they're just sort of getting through the day.



► Chiwetel Ejiofor stars in the upcoming film Salt.

And occasionally — like on this particular occasion — something big happens and they have to respond to that.

But for the most part they're just kind of ticking away, looking at data.

Would you ever want to be in a Bond film?

Well I certainly wouldn't rule it out. I don't know what the situation is with Bond at the moment, but God I hope they can figure it out. It would be lovely to be in a Bond film.

You've had an incredibly diverse career. How much conscious effort do you put into trying to be in as many different genres as possible?

Well, not a lot, really. I'm just very happy to work in any medium that I can and any genre that I can if I'm engaged with the material.

You know, I don't really have an oeuvre or a style of doing stuff. I have a working method, but I can apply that to different parts and different types of parts.

You and co-star Liev Schreiber have stage backgrounds. Did that help in working together?

Yeah, we were able to quote Shakespeare to each other back and forth (laughs) and do Lear a little bit. And Henry V.

He's a good Henry five. (laughs)

But no, he's a terrific actor, and a shared commonality in theater is always a fun place for us to come to chat and talk about stuff and get a sense of each other.

For such a big film, it's really just the three of you.

It's very interesting that it's essentially a three-hander but it feels like much more than that.

And I think it's because these characters are carrying so much with them, you know?

I think an audience can really follow everything, and they can follow the subtext even within the action.

And I feel like that's actually quite satisfying for an audience.

Superman suffers from geographic kryptonite

One of America's most enduring superheroes has begun a cross-country trek in Philadelphia.

In the pages of DC Comics' latest issue of Superman, which hit stands yesterday, the Man of Steel embarks on a yearlong journey on foot from the City of Brotherly Love.

For all his powers, though, he still needs a lesson in geography.

The 500 block of South 48th Street is described as the city's South Side.

It's actually the University City section of west Philadelphia.

The flub has generated some good-natured ribbing from locals, and DC Comics co-publisher Dan DiDio says that's OK as it means the area just has a sense of civic pride.

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HBO banks on Hoffman

Dustin Hoffman is coming to TV and HBO is lucky enough to have landed him.



HBO says that Hoffman will star in Luck, a new drama series about the horse racing world and the owners, gamblers and jockeys who are part of it.

Other cast members include Dennis Farina, Nick Nolte and Hall of Fame rider Gary Stevens, who appeared in the film Seabiscuit.

HBO said Wednesday that the series will begin shooting this fall in Los Angeles, with locations including the Santa Anita Park racetrack.

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M.I.A. lost and found

M.I.A.
Album: *Mezzanotte*
Label: XL


Having achieved a proper hit in 2008 with Paper Planes, appearing on the Grammys nine months pregnant with Jay-Z, T.I. and Lil Wayne, and penning a song for Christina Aguilera, M.I.A. appeared ready for bona fide stardom.

Needless to say, expectations for her third album were lofty, but it appears M.I.A.'s motives were far from any of our expectations. This past April, she unveiled *Born Free*, a strident blast of Suicide-assisted punk whose video took the "red-headed stepchild" threat to a whole new level.

That track was a warning shot, because *MMY* is abrasive, polarizing and almost impossible to love. But it's not hard to like. While her first two albums, *Arular* and *Kala*, elected her as a global am-



bassador for genre-mashing, *///Y* deconstructs that objective in favour of jarring production and paranoid chatter. Case in point is the transition from the power drill and chainsaw grind of Steppin Up to XXXO's airy dance pop. As divisive as *///Y* is sure to be, Rusko's *Story To Be Told* and both Dip-

lo's Tell Me Why keep some semblance to what we love about her. M.I.A. has always been an incensed freedom fighter, but on *Mezzanine* she's lost the composed swagger that first made her endearing to us.

Outstanding track:
Tell Me Why
CAM LINDSAY



Great Big Sea
Album: *Safe Upon the Shore*
Label: Warner

Whether you like their brand of celtic rock or not, you have to admit that Great Big Sea know how to write an infectious tune. On their 10th album they team up with an interesting array of co-songwriters including

Russell Crowe, Randy Bachman and Joel Plaskett. The result is a strong record of incredibly catchy songs (with two covers, Zeppelin's Gallow's Pole and Kink's Have a Cuppa Tea). The music isn't as over-the-top as its been the past.


Outstanding track: Yankee Sailer

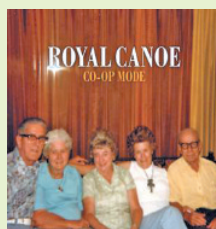


Danger Mouse and Sparklehorse
Album: *Dark Soul of the Night* **Label:** EMI

More than a year after its leak, the collaboration between Danger Mouse, David Lynch and the late Mark Linkous finally gets an official release. While the pro-

ect flounders a little thanks to Danger Mouse's hackneyed beats and an inconsistent rotating cast, Linkous's role instils a heartening gravitas. That this could possibly be the last Sparklehorse recording we hear makes it hard not to savour.

Outstanding track: Daddy's Gone  CAM LINDSAY



Royal Canoe
Album: Co-op Mode
Label: Head in the Sand

When The Waking Eyes put their band on hold, I was excited. Matt Peters and Rusty Matays are talented guys, but their band's major label releases never lived up to their po-

tential. Peters is now in the infectious pop act Royal Canoe. They cover a lot of ground here, moving from anthemic indie rock on Red House Row, electro beats on Me Loving Your Money to Beatles-like pop on Kasparov.

Outstanding track: Kasparov

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Jewel takes her act undercover

► Disguised singer astonishes audience at karaoke bar ► Belts out pitch-perfect versions of *Who Will Save Your Soul* and *Foolish Games*

On a recent Monday night at a Los Angeles karaoke bar, a meek-looking woman in a business suit and glasses was coaxed on stage by her co-workers.

While the boozy crowd readied itself for four minutes of awkward singing, the woman — “Karen” — suddenly belted out exquisite, pitch-perfect renditions of the Jewel songs *Who Will Save Your Soul* and *Foolish Games*.

Astonished crowd members picked their jaws off the floor and cheered wildly. One person was heard comparing Karen to “an American Susan Boyle.”

Unbeknownst to them, they had been victims of “undercover karaoke.”

Karen really was Jewel, and the proceedings had been filmed by FunnyOrDie.com, the comedy video website co-founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay. The video was posted Tuesday and was rapidly circulating online, with more than 160,000 views as of evening.

“I was a bit nervous to do this skit at first because I feared it would amount to little more than showing off some vocals, dressed as someone else,” Jewel said. “I was worried it wouldn’t be self-effacing enough.”

For the video, created by Funny or Die writer-director Eric Appel, Jewel was given a prosthetic



View the video of Jewel undercover at metronews.ca/scene



► Jewel wears a disguise as she performs at a karaoke bar in a scene from a video posted on FunnyOrDie.com.

nose, wig and glasses, and butt padding. Only after performing as Karen did Jewel return to the stage of the karaoke joint, the Gas Lite, as herself.

(Before the reveal, one audience member says to the camera: “They tell me she only sings at Christmas parties.”)

Though Jewel is principally a singer-songwriter, she has acted before, most notably in the 1999 Ang

Lee film *Ride with the Devil*. This performance was quite a bit quicker (Funny or Die contacted her just a few days before taping on June 28) and more comical.

“I love improv and this was a small chance to do that, luckily as someone else. I would love to do more of it in the future. A dream gig would be a show like *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.”

“This did not require much, as the costume did most of the work for me.” JEWEL

Jewel also shot another video for Funny or Die that she says involves former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. A spokeswoman for the site said it will be released next week.

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► Justin Bieber

BIEBER NOMINATED FOR BOWLING HALL OF FAME

Justin Bieber fans, prepare to be bowled over: the 16-year-old pop sensation is being considered for induction into his first hall of fame.

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame has announced its list of nine nominees for consideration in its 2010 class.

The Stratford, Ont., teen icon is nominated alongside NBA stars (and bowling enthusiasts) Chris Paul and Dwight

Howard, actors Bill Murray and Jeff Bridges and Taylor Swift. Kim Kardashian, Jimmy Fallon and Pauley Perrette are also being considered.

The hall is reserved for celebrities and notable individuals who help contribute to the popularity of bowling.

The video for Bieber’s hit *Baby* — with more than 243 million views on YouTube — takes place inside a dim bowling alley.

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More threatening calls to Oksana

▶ The callers were allegedly angry over the accusations leveled against Mel Gibson

For Oksana Grigorieva, threatening phone calls sadly seem to have become a part of her life.

In the aftermath of the release three phone calls from ex-boyfriend Mel Gibson she secretly recorded, the Russian singer received multiple threatening phone calls earlier this week that "scared her to death," according to TMZ.

Police are investigating, as at least one of the calls "could be interpreted as a death threat," a source says.

The callers were allegedly upset about Grigorieva's accusations about Gibson.

Gibson is currently un-

der investigation by Los Angeles police amid allegations he was acted violently towards ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva during what was a reported incident in January.

The investigation stems from a recording of Gibson allegedly using offensive racial language in an expletive-laden, recorded argument with his ex.

The former couple is also battling it out over visitation rights to their baby daughter, Lucia, following their split.

Gibson has yet to issue you comment on the investigation.

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▶ Might be time to change that phone number.

Bristol trying Levi on again

Levi Johnston and Bristol Palin have rekindled their romance so intensely that the pair are getting married, according to Us Weekly. Johnston says their reconciliation began three months ago when he went to visit the 19-year-old daughter of former Alaska governor Sarah Palin to discuss custody of the couple's 18-month-old son, Tripp.

"I really thought we were over," he tells the magazine. "So when I went, I had no hope. I think we both just started talking — and then we took Tripp for a walk."

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▶ It's the feel good story of the year



▶ Will the court 'Have mercy?'

Stamos case concluding

Prosecutors have rested their case in the trial of two people accused of plotting to extort \$680,000 from actor John Stamos.

Six FBI agents testified yesterday, including specialists in computers and cellphones.

Allison Coss and Scott Sippola of Marquette are charged with conspiracy and two counts of extortion.

They're accused of demanding money from Sta-

mos in exchange for unflattering photos.

The FBI says the pictures don't exist.

Jurors could get the case Thursday.

Defence lawyers have portrayed Stamos as a promiscuous drug user — allegations he denied while testifying.

Stamos denied defence lawyer Sarah Henderson's accusation that he stripped and sat in a hot tub with Coss, who Hen-

derson said was 17 at the time and wearing only underclothes. Jurors were also shown a photo of Stamos with his arm around Coss.

Federal agents emphatically denied destroying evidence after a sting operation to snare the defendants.

The former Full House and ER star is now preparing to join the Fox show Glee.

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Talking points

Osbourne not concerned for LiLo jail time

BUT THEN EVERYONE LOOKS GOOD COMPARED TO OZZY. Sharon Osbourne isn't terribly concerned about Lindsay Lohan's future, and is urging the troubled starlet to keep her chin up.

"I would just tell her, 'The judge has made her decision. Take your time, don't waste the time, just learn, sit there and think and learn — and it will fly by.' She needs to be good to herself," Osbourne tells Contact Music.

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Neighbours buck at plans by Madonna

SHE'LL GET WHAT SHE WANTS. Madonna has run into trouble with neighbors in England's Bridgehampton, where she's been turning a recently purchased 30-acre property into a horse refuge called Wild Horses Farm, according to Page Six. When the singer tried to put up a horse fence, she received a cease-and-desist order from Suffolk County, which owns the development rights on the land.

Madonna has filed an application to complete the work.

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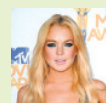


Celebrity tweets



Mariah Carey
[@Mariah-Carey] Just now

hairstylist(who shall remain nameless) abused me w/a curling iron while trying to curl and dancing to my new song..ow. Now he's all trying to put toothpaste on it and swears its a home remedy,I'm like "Stop crying,you're NOT fired "lol



Lindsay Lohan
[@lindsay-lohan] Joan Rivers and

her "stargument" make me believe that she and Michael Lohan are a match made in heaven....



David Spade
[@David-Spade] i hate when

some of these motorcycle guys swerve past me in traffic, cut me off, and pass me on a hill. then they cry when they get killed



Jeremy Piven

[@jeremypiven] Opened a file on the computer and it said "your wish list is currently empty", confused i head butted the screen is that bad?

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Rihanna talks to Chris Brown

WELL, THIS WILL END WELL. Rihanna is reportedly back in contact with Chris Brown, the ex-boyfriend who was convicted of assaulting her last year.

"It's been almost a year since they last spoke, but Rihanna felt like she could try to be friends with Chris again," a source tells Heat magazine.

"Seeing how emotional he was on (the BET Awards) really touched her. She'd never seen him like that before." Rihanna and Brown have reportedly spoken over the phone, but have not met up in person.

"They were each other's first love and he's missed her so much," the source says. "Rihanna knows that if she wanted him back, he'd be there in a second."

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News in brief



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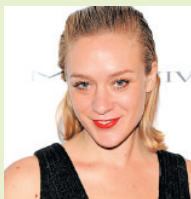
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- You'll want to live in the style icon's new feminine-meets-cool girl line
- Golden Globe winning actress teams with Opening Ceremony

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► Chloe Sevigny's new collection for Opening Ceremony features five dress styles and patterns. The shoes are a partnership with NaNa (see sidebar below).



Kickin' it old school

Sevigny on teaming up with '90s shoe brand NaNa:

"For the past year I've been really into the whole fierce bitch look — a lot of leather and sky-high shoes. I thought, 'Well, the dresses are all kind of girly, how can we turn these looks into a fierce bitch?' And one of the boys who works at O.C. was like, 'sky-high, baby!' So we made the shoes really high, but with sturdy heels."



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Last month, Chloe Sevigny debuted her collection with Opening Ceremony in New York. Instead of models, Sevigny's artsy friends wore the line, which centers around five different styles of dresses in five prints.

"I love high fashion, but I can't even look at a magazine without having an anxiety attack because we all have issues with our bod-

ies," explains Sevigny. "So for me it's really important to show the clothes on regular girls, or on myself, 'cause I'm a 35-year-old woman. I'm not 110 pounds."

Why did you pick these prints and silhouettes?

I was thinking about how girls buy the same thing over and over again. I do, all of my friends do, so I thought if you find one silhouette you like, you keep

buying that dress.

Your collaboration with O.C. is so successful — ever think about doing just a Chloe Sevigny line?

No, that seems really complicated. I've got it pretty easy right now; we get along really well. If I did a J. Lo or Sarah Jessica Parker — not that I'm knocking them, I'm sure they make a gazillion dollars, and good for them — but I don't think that I have enough

brand recognition that I could go that big.

What are you coveting right now?

I'm trying to find a new pair of jeans, which I know is the ultimate quest for every woman. My ideal jean would be the Levi's that Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis wore in *Thelma & Louise*. (Those) Levi's makes every ass look really great. I want the *Thelma & Louise* ass!

Chloe's Clothes for real girls

Finding the perfect fit can be a challenge

► When it comes to sunglasses, the options — from colour to shape — can be limitless

From their early origins as a means of concealing eye expressions in Chinese courts, sunglasses have become the ultimate fashion accessory. According to eye care experts at IRIS The Visual Group, the best choice depends on factors like lifestyle, face shape and overall eye health. Taking inspiration from its newest model and style icon, Kim Cattrall, IRIS offers the following sunglass shopping checklist:



► Kim Cattrall

Consider your lifestyle: Do you need sunglasses for function or fashion? Frames made of lightweight materials like titanium and polycarbonate

are great for everyday use. People who spend time on the water will benefit from polarized lenses to reduce glare, while avid golfers, trail runners and mountain bikers should consider photochromic lenses in-

stead, as they darken in response to light intensity.

Test the fit: When it comes to sunglasses, one size does not fit all, so try on different pairs before buying. "Fit is very important — how sunglasses feel on the nose and in the back of the ears," says Cattrall.

Ask about UV protection: Exposure to UV rays increases the risk of macular degeneration and cataracts, as well as cancers and growths on the eye and eyelids. More information about sun protection for the eyes is available online at iris.ca.

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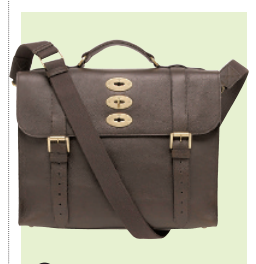
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- 1 tbsp olive oil
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- 3 cups diced English cucumber
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh mint

Preparation:

- 1 Place almonds in a small, dry skillet and set pan over medium heat. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes until almonds are golden brown, shaking the pan frequently to prevent burning. Set aside.
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Who has the co-jones to open a chic urban bistro only a few feet away from Cafe Mosaics? I don't usually visit a place in its first month, but I hit Press Cafe and Bistro prepared to be impressed.

I decided on a panini and salad (\$10.50), selecting a hearty Montreal corned beef and fruit salad. I was about to order a Danesi coffee (\$2.00), but spotted a cooler full of glass Coca-Cola bottles (\$2.50). Pop just tastes better out of a bottle!

The fruit salad was a de-

lightful combination of citrus, strawberries and melon while my corned beef needed a little more time in the press. After chugging my Coke, I returned for a rich, dark cup of coffee but avoided the pastries on display.

Choose the Press Cafe for a social lunch or first date. With the quality of the food, the warmth of the staff and a little practice, I wouldn't be surprised if it stood up to Mosaics itself.

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British Open: Bring an umbrella

Rain and wind played havoc with the conditions yesterday on the eve of the British Open at the Old Course.

The hard rain and cold wind led the Royal and Ancient to cancel its Champions Challenge, a four-hole exhibition with past Open champions like Lee Trevino, Gary Player, Arnold Palmer and Ben Curtis.

"I was on the range this morning and it's just brutal out there," Nick Faldo said. "It wouldn't have been en-

tertaining for anybody."

The weather will likely be as much of a factor as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson or any of the players today when the 139th version of golf's oldest championship gets under way at St. Andrews.

"The forecast for the championship is changeable — blustery, showery conditions," Royal and Ancient chief executive Peter Dawson said. "Pretty good for links golf."

The last time the Open came to St. Andrews, there was only one round of a stiff breeze and Woods won by five shots at 14-under 274. Ten years ago on a sun-baked links, Woods set a major championship record at 19-under 269 for an eight-shot win in perfect weather.

Mike Weir is the lone Canadian entered. He tees off with Darren Clarke and Davis Love III.

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► Spectators watch a practice round yesterday.

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sports

Jays buy low, sell high with shortstops

► Escobar coming to Toronto as Gonzalez traded to Braves
► Three prospects also moved

The Toronto Blue Jays' acquisition of Yunel Escobar from the Atlanta Braves for fellow shortstop Alex Gonzalez in a five-player swap yesterday appears to be a classic case of buying low and selling high.

Escobar is a wildly talented 27-year-old who appears to have fallen out of favour with the National League East leaders amid a down season. Gonzalez, on the other hand, is a 33-year-old veteran who is performing well above his career norms and was unlucky to not be named an all-star.

So Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos was able to parlay the immediate impact Gonzalez can make on a roster into a young player with huge potential upside that he'll have contractual control of through at least the 2013 season.

Numbers

► The six-foot-two, 200-pound Escobar has slipped dramatically from his brilliant 2009, when he batted .299 with 26 doubles, 14 home runs, 76 RBI and a .377 on-base percentage.
► This year he has slumped to a .238 average with 12 doubles and no homers in 75 games, something the Blue Jays are comfortable with. They feel he can return to his 2009 form.

The three prospects in the deal — Toronto gets left-hander Jo-Jo Reyes, who was optioned to double-A New Hampshire; Atlanta gets phenom lefty reliever Tim Collins and speedy infielder Tyler Pastornicky — may still swing the trade's final tally toward either team. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Yunel Escobar, 27, was traded to the Blue Jays yesterday.

Raps complete Turkoglu deal

The Toronto Raptors have begun their remake in the wake of Chris Bosh's departure, shipping disgruntled Turkish forward Hedo Turkoglu to Phoenix.

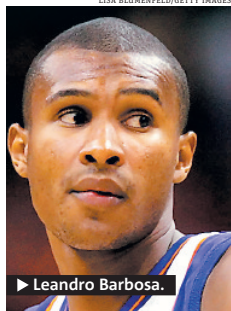
In exchange, Toronto gets guard Leandro Barbosa and forward-centre Dwyane Jones.

The deal has been in the works for some time, as part of a complex multi-team transaction. But it

6 Barbosa is a six-year pro from Brazil who averaged 9.5 points a game last season in a campaign interrupted by injury.

ultimately came down to the Raptors and the Suns. Turkoglu leaves Toronto after an up-and-down injury-plagued season, the first in a \$53-million US, five-year deal.

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► Leandro Barbosa.

Sports in brief

Union disputes NBA forecasts

LOCKOUT. Insisting that the NBA's financial projections "strain credulity," players' association executive director Billy Hunter said yesterday he's seen nothing to change his belief that a lockout is possible. Hunter disputes commis-

sioner David Stern's forecast of nearly \$400 million US in losses this season.

Lakers are team to beat: Wade

NBA. Dwyane Wade says the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers should be the favourites heading into next season, simply because this Heat team hasn't proved anything yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

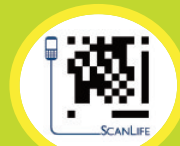
Sports in brief



1 France striker Thierry Henry has joined the New York Red Bulls in a multi-year deal.

2 David Beckham wants to play soccer for Britain at the London 2012 Olympics.

3 Lionel Messi said he'd enjoy playing with Cesc Fabregas, who's being pursued by Messi's club, Barcelona.



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CFL Extra Points

DAN TOTH

PIERCE PAYS OFF
FOR BOMBERS

A handful of quarterback-needy CFL teams avoided Buck Pierce in the off-season much like a fleet-footed quarterback dodges an angry pass rush.

Who can blame them? Pierce has a history of injuries including career-threatening concussions, so signing the free agent pivot was an obvious risk.

Winnipeg took a shot and, at least for now, the move has been brilliant for the Bombers.

The former Lion rushed for 103 yards on seven carries against Toronto last week and through two games Pierce has 192 rushing yards, fifth-best in the league, and more than

three starting tailbacks.

He has posted career rushing highs in two straight games and has the best average in the CFL (14.8 yards). It's exciting to watch, but considering Pierce's fragile history, you have to cringe every time hefty defensive linemen zero in for the tackle.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Through two weeks of CFL action we've seen a kickoff return for a touch-down, two punt returns taken to the house and three missed field goal attempts run all the way back for TDs.

Six return majors in eight games may be attributed to the five new special teams coaches new to their assignments this season.

Three teams that have allowed majors on either punts, kickoffs or missed field goals all have first-year co-ordinators.

ESKIMOS

Winless in two starts and looking up from the bottom of the CFL West standings, the Edmonton Eskimos are in for more trouble in Week 3 in Regina against the undefeated Roughriders.

But the Eskimos won twice at Mosaic Stadium last season and a return there might just be what the team needs to dig itself out of a hole. The Eskies won 38-33 and 31-27 in Regina in 2009.

RETRO UNIFORMS

The Eskimos are hoping to break their retro uniform jinx by going back to the year they won their fourth Grey Cup.

On Aug. 6, the Eskies will play host to the Toronto Argonauts wearing uniforms styled after those worn in 1975 by the club that defeated Montreal for the Grey Cup.

Last year, the Eskimos lost all three games they played in retro uniforms.

Scoreboard

CFL

Yesterday's results

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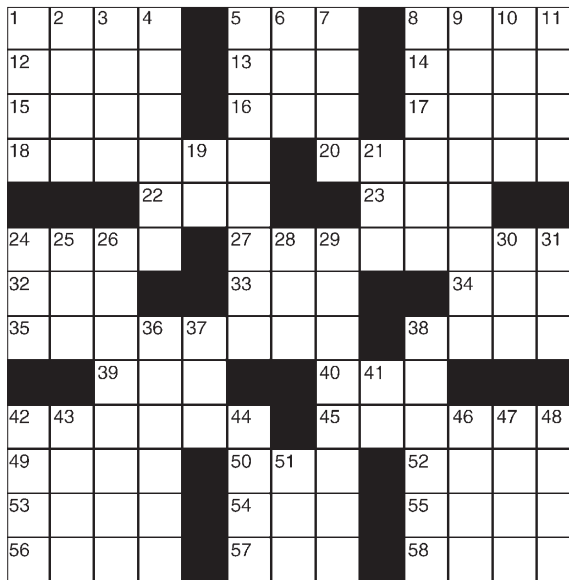
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15 Ignore
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17 Venomous vipers
18 Lacks the skills to
20 Loathe
22 CBS newsmen
23 Sprint
24 Bedouin
27 Almond liqueur
32 Tavern
33 Corn holder
34 Wet wiggler
35 Break periods
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39 Dove's call
40 Hooter
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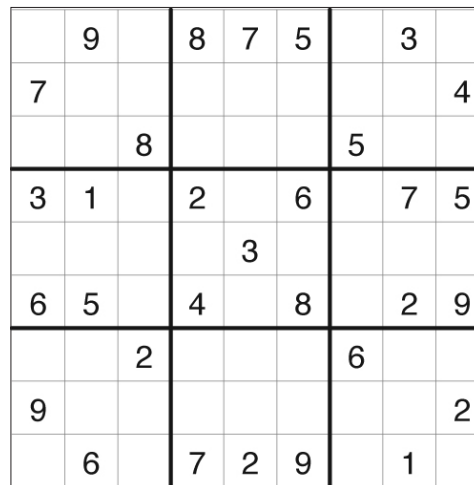


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► Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's answer ►

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ALEX

Oh, Mary. Thanks for being a marvelous cousin! I love you much.
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A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min 11° Max 23°	Min 10° Max 16°	Min 8° Max 22°

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Don't bother sticking to a rigid plan of action because it will severely limit your options. In fact it might be best if you had no plan at all. Take life as it comes.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 You make your share of mistakes but unlike some people you are not afraid to admit it. While others are still trying to deny they made a wrong turning today you will be retracing your steps and then getting it right.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The only thing that matters today is that you follow your instincts and follow to the letter what your inner voice tells you.

♊ Cancer June 22-July 22 Bring your thoughts down to earth and start looking at ways you can make your life more secure financially. Grand ideas and plans can be fun but you have to pay the bills.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Your confidence may be a bit low but other aspects promise that your potential is unlimited, so stop feeling sorry for yourself and start doing the things you are good at. Get creative.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Virgos are more sensitive to what goes on in the world around them than they like to let on and you will notice things today that others have missed. If you are smart and quick you can make it pay. Start now.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You like to be helpful, and you are no stranger to putting yourself out for other people, but there are limits and what someone asks you to do today can and must be refused.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You know what you want and you know how to get it, but you may have to wait until the 22nd before the opportunity arises. That's okay. You're patient.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Speak from the heart and let everyone know how you feel. Some people may not like your candid comments but only because they know they are true (and make them look bad). Call it as you see it, and call it loud.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You have allowed certain issues to slide and if you don't get on top of them quickly they may be out of your control for good. Chances are you have relied too heavily on others to make decisions for you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't try to keep your thoughts to yourself today because others will know in an instant that you are trying to hide something.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Something isn't working and needs to be changed. You know what that something is and you know you have put it off too many times already. Get tough with yourself.

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